

# LOCAL MISCELLANY.

## A COLORED WOMAN'S WILL.

THE SURROGATE SUSTAINS HER. HERDIA'S DISPOSITION OF HER FORTUNE.

The contest of the will of Cynthia Herd, a colored woman, who died more than a year ago, leaving property worth \$80,000, was finished yesterday in a decision of Surrogate Smith, sustaining the validity of the instrument. Considerable interest has been felt in this litigation, both because the interested persons were colored people and because of the peculiar circumstances under which the contest arose.

Edward H. Herd, the husband of the deceased and the principal legatee under the will, claims to have made the fortune of his wife, in the cabinet-making business, assisted by some successful real estate investments. He says that as she approached old age, for her mental potencies, he decided all the property to her with the understanding that she should make a will giving it all to him again in the event of her death before he should die. He says that he made the will, and that he made it in the presence of his wife and also at the house in which they lived. He says that he made it in the presence of his wife and also at the house in which they lived. He says that he made it in the presence of his wife and also at the house in which they lived.

The Surrogate sustains the will. He says that the principal question is whether the will was made by the testatrix, and that he is satisfied that it was. He says that the will was made by the testatrix, and that he is satisfied that it was. He says that the will was made by the testatrix, and that he is satisfied that it was.

## THE EPISCOPAL CONVENTION.

DR. JOHN COTTON SMITH'S RESOLUTIONS APPROVED.

The morning papers, which opened the session yesterday of the Episcopal General Convention, were read by the Rev. Dr. George Worthington, of Hartford, and the Rev. Richard D. Webb, of Boston. Bishop Doane, of Maine, pronounced the resolutions. The Committee on Resolutions, of the Convention, reported that they had approved the resolutions of the Convention, and that they had approved the resolutions of the Convention.

## A BURGLAR IN THE ASTOR HOUSE.

THE POLICE COURT YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

The Police Court yesterday afternoon, held by Judge John B. Jones, was crowded with cases. The first case was that of a burglar, who had been caught in the Astor House. The burglar was charged with stealing a watch and a ring from the room of a guest. The burglar was charged with stealing a watch and a ring from the room of a guest.

## A NEW BAPTIST CHURCH IN BROOKLYN.

THE BUILDING OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF BROOKLYN.

The new building of the First Baptist Church of Brooklyn, at Clinton and Hart streets, was dedicated yesterday. The building is a fine structure, and it is a credit to the church. The building is a fine structure, and it is a credit to the church.

## RECKLESS SHOOTING ON A FRONT STOOP.

EDWARD J. LOWERY, EX-WATER COMMISSIONER, AND HIS WIFE.

Edward J. Lowery, ex-Water Commissioner, and his wife, were shot at yesterday on a front stoop. The shooting was done by a man who was hiding in the neighborhood. The shooting was done by a man who was hiding in the neighborhood.

## ARRESTING A BANK ROBBER.

HORACE HORN, ALIAS "LITTLE HORACE," A NOTORIOUS BANK ROBBER.

Horace Horn, alias "Little Horace," a notorious bank robber, was arrested yesterday. He was caught in a trap set by the police. He was caught in a trap set by the police.

## REPORTS OF HURRICANES AT SEA.

THE SHIP HAZARD, OF RICHMOND, MAINE, WHICH ARRIVED YESTERDAY.

The ship Hazard, of Richmond, Maine, which arrived yesterday, reported that it had encountered a hurricane at sea. The ship was damaged, and several crew members were injured. The ship was damaged, and several crew members were injured.

## STRENGTH FOR AN OFFICE.

IN 1875 CLARENCE F. BARRETT WAS ELECTED SUPERINTENDENT OF THE POOR OF THE TOWN OF CASTLETON.

Clarence F. Barrett, who was elected Superintendent of the Poor of the town of Castleton in 1875, is now a member of the New York State Legislature. He is now a member of the New York State Legislature.

## MORE WATER FOR BROOKLYN.

COUNCILMAN YAN BUREN, OF THE BROOKLYN BOARD OF WORKS, YESTERDAY RECOMMENDED TO COMMISSIONER FRENCH THE SECURING OF TWO MILL POUNDS OF WATER.

Councilman Yan Buren, of the Brooklyn Board of Works, yesterday recommended to Commissioner French the securing of two mill pounds of water for the city of Brooklyn. He recommended the securing of two mill pounds of water for the city of Brooklyn.

# FEATURES OF THE INSTITUTE FAIR.

APPROXIMATELY A THIRTY OF PEOPLE AS CURIOUS AND INTERESTED AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS CROWDS THE AISLES OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE FAIR.

Approximately a thirty of people as curious and interested as in previous years crowds the aisles of the American Institute Fair. The fair is a great success, and it is a credit to the city. The fair is a great success, and it is a credit to the city.

## CHARGED WITH ROBBERY HER GUESTS.

A SENSATION WAS CAUSED IN ORANGE, N. J., YESTERDAY MORNING.

A sensation was caused in Orange, N. J., yesterday morning. A man was charged with robbing his guests. The man was charged with robbing his guests.

## A STORM APPROACHING THE CITY.

WIND AND RAIN IN THE WEST—WHAT THE SIGNAL SERVICE REPORTS INDICATE.

A storm is approaching the city. The signal service reports indicate that there will be wind and rain in the west. The signal service reports indicate that there will be wind and rain in the west.

## VISITING SITES FOR THE WORLD'S FAIR.

THE COMMITTEE ON SITES OF THE UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION, COMPOSED OF SAMUEL H. HATCH, GENERAL.

The committee on sites of the United States International Commission, composed of Samuel H. Hatch, general, is visiting sites for the World's Fair. The committee is visiting sites for the World's Fair.

## SUICIDE OF A STREET-CAR CONDUCTOR.

FREDERICK LAUTZ, AGE TWENTY-TWO, A CONDUCTOR ON THE SIXTH AVENUE RAILROAD.

Frederick Lautz, age twenty-two, a conductor on the Sixth Avenue Railroad, committed suicide yesterday. He was found dead on the tracks. He was found dead on the tracks.

## SMALLPOX IN A BOARDING-HOUSE.

A CASE OF SMALLPOX WAS DISCOVERED BY THE HEALTH OFFICERS LAST NIGHT.

A case of smallpox was discovered by the health officers last night. The patient was a man who was living in a boarding house. The patient was a man who was living in a boarding house.

## RETURN OF W. H. VANDERBILT.

WILLIAM H. VANDERBILT RETURNED YESTERDAY FROM EUROPE.

William H. Vanderbilt returned yesterday from Europe. He was on a tour of the continent. He was on a tour of the continent.

## A PROCESSION OF STEAMERS.

CLOSE OF THE OFFICIAL SEQUEL-CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF BALTIMORE.

The official sequel-centennial celebration of Baltimore closed yesterday. A procession of steamers was held. A procession of steamers was held.

## CHOICE SILKS AND FINE LACES.

THE FIRM OF JOHN DANIEL & SON, AT BROADWAY AND NASSAU ST., HAS LONG BEEN NOTED FOR THE QUALITY OF ITS SILKS AND TRIMMINGS.

The firm of John Daniel & Son, at Broadway and Nassau St., has long been noted for the quality of its silks and trimmings. They have a large stock of choice silks and fine laces. They have a large stock of choice silks and fine laces.

## HOME NEWS.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS.

Fifth Avenue Hotel—Senator J. D. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, and Judge J. P. Fish, of New York, arrived yesterday.

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# YOUTHFUL PLAYERS IN "CINDERELLA."

INTERFERENCE OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO CHILDREN.

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, having heard that a number of children were employed in the production of the play "Cinderella," at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, yesterday afternoon, they intervened. The society intervened.

## THE BODY OF A YOUNG WOMAN FOUND YESTERDAY.

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# REORGANIZATION OF THE READING.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 15.—Thomas W. Powell, the representative of the English bondholders of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, had a consultation yesterday with Messrs. Lewis & Caldwell, two of the receivers of the Reading Company.

They agreed to call a meeting of directors and a reorganization of the Reading Railroad and Coal companies.

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